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a control device that controls at least one of a sound recording device, a storage medium, and a sound playback device to prevent at least one of recording, storing, and outputting of a preset sound effect during a recording mode so that the preset sound effect will not be output with the sounds recorded by the sound recording device when the release switch initiated the predetermined process.

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13. (Amended) The information input apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a sound playback device that outputs the sounds stored in the storage medium and, wherein the sound effect output device is controlled by the controller to selectively output a preset sound effect having a frequency incapable of being recorded by the sound recording device, incapable of being stored by the storage medium, or incapable of being played back by the sound playback device.

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16. (Amended) An information input apparatus, comprising:
imaging means for forming images of a subject;
sound recording means for inputting sounds;
storage means for storing the images formed by the imaging means and the sounds input by the sound recording means;
indicating means for indicating start of a predetermined process;
sound effect output means for outputting preset sound effects when the indicating means indicates the predetermined process is started; and
control means for controlling at least one of a sound recording device, a storage medium, and a sound playback device to prevent at least one of recording, storing and outputting of a preset sound effect during a recording mode wherein the preset sound effects will not be output with the sounds input by the sound recording means when the predetermined process is started.

sub 23. (Amended) The information input apparatus of claim 16, further comprising sound means for playback of the sounds stored in the storage means, and wherein the sound effect output means selects and outputs a preset sound effects with a frequency incapable of being input by the sound recording means, incapable of being stored by the storage means, or incapable of being played back by the sound playback means.

c4 24. (Amended) A method of controlling an information input apparatus, comprising:
forming images of a subject using an imaging device;
performing sound recording of sounds occurring near the information input apparatus using a sound recording device;
storing the images formed by the imaging device and the sounds recorded by the sound recording device in a storage medium;
operating a release switch to initiate a predetermined process;
outputting a sound effect when the predetermined process is initiated; and
controlling at least one of recording, storing and outputting of a preset sound effect during a recording mode so that when the predetermined process is initiated the sound effect will not be output.

sub 25. (Amended) The method of claim 24, further comprising playing back the sounds stored in the storage medium with a speaker, wherein the sound outputting step with the sounds input by the sound recording means, includes selecting and outputting a sound effect using a frequency outside a frequency range of the sound recording device, the storage medium or the speaker.

Please add new claims 31-45 as follows:

c4 31. The information input apparatus of claim 1, where the preset sound effect is

c4 customizable.--

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--32. The information input apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a device that prevents the output of frequencies that are lower or higher than the common voice frequency.--

--33. The device of claim 32, where the device is a filter.--

--34. The information input apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a device that prevents recordation of the preset sound effect by use of a reverse phase of the preset sound effect phase.--

--35. The device of claim 34, where the device is an inverter.--

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--36. The information input apparatus of claim 16, further comprising a customizable means for customizing the preset sound effect.--

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--37. The information input apparatus of claim 16, further comprising: prevention means for preventing the output of frequencies that are lower or higher than the common voice frequency.--

--38. The information input apparatus of claim 37, wherein the prevention means includes a filter.--

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--39. The information input apparatus of claim 16, further comprising: means for preventing the recordation of the preset sound effect by use of a reverse phase of the preset sound effect phase.--

--40. The information input apparatus of claim 39, where the prevention means includes an inverter.--

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--41. The method of claim 24, further comprising customizing the preset sound effect.--

Sub 2V3
--42. The method of claim 24, further comprising preventing the output of frequencies that are lower or higher than the common voice frequency.--